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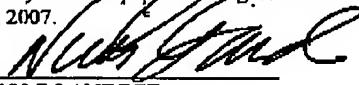
Group Art Unit: 2828

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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE AND OPTICAL PICK UP  
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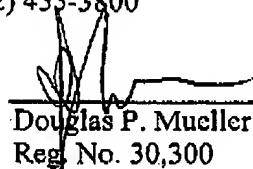
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